

**Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN**

**June 14, 2007**

- a. **Call to Order** – Mayor Walter Winchester
- b. **Opening Prayer** – Councilperson Allen
- c. **Roll Call:** All members of the Council were present

Mayor Winchester  
Councilperson Hale  
Councilperson Davis  
Councilperson Ramey  
Councilperson Allen  
Councilperson Holland  
Councilperson Adkins

- d. **Mayor’s Welcome**

Mayor Winchester welcomed everyone to the council meeting

- e. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Councilperson Davis, seconded by Councilperson Adkins, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved with no voiced opposition.

- f. **Financial Matters**

1. **Bills:**                      Vendor(s)    Amount

None

- g. **Old Business**

None

- h. **New Business**

1. **Discussion/Approval for sale of city lots gained thru tax sales and donations**

**Discussion:**

Mayor Winchester advised the Council that the city had obtained some lots on Booker Street and Washington Street through donations by the County from tax sales and the city had been approached at different times by citizens who asked if they could purchase these lots. As they are excess to the city’s needs, it was recommended that the city consider selling these lots to private citizens. Mayor advised that he would seek assistance and experience from Charles Beal, City Clerk, with a good background in banking and property values and also from Codes Officer Berryman who owns rental properties around town and has experience with property values and fair pricing.

**Action Taken:**

Motion was made by Councilperson Hale, seconded by Councilperson Holland, to approve the sale of lots through advertisement with advisement from the experience of the City Clerk in banking business and property values and the City Codes Enforcement Officer experience of property management.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Yes</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 6, Nays – 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.  
Motion passed.

**2. Discussion/Approval permission given to Mayor to negotiate a purchase price for lot adjacent to Mulberry Park**

**Discussion:**

Mayor Winchester advised Mr. Robert Dudley had been approached possible purchasing a vacant lot near the end of Mulberry Street toward Walnut Avenue. The lot would be of benefit to the Mulberry Park as it would add to the park area, provide additional space for possible park expansion and would square the boundary line.

**Action Taken:**

Motion was made by Councilperson Hale, seconded by Councilperson Davis, to approve give Mayor Winchester authority to negotiate for the lot and to report back to the Council before an offer was made.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Yes</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 6, Nays – 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.  
Motion passed.

**3. Discussion/Approval to limit all appointed boards of the City to two (2) consecutive terms**

**Discussion:**

After some preliminary discussion, this item was tabled until further thought was given by Council members. Council members wanted to know if it applied to all Boards, what lengths of terms were. Etc.

**Action Taken:**

Motion made by Councilperson Davis, seconded by Councilperson Ramey, to table the motion. Motion tabled by a voice vote by the council with no voiced opposition.

**i. Citizens Input**

Mayor advised Council that he had received a request from Replogle Lumber Company from Henry to harvest some trees on property located adjacent to David Street. Mr. Replogle asked to be able to pass out on David Street with partial loads as it was more convenient in this direction and an alternate route on Ben Smith Road had a bridge with a 3 ton limit. David Street has a signed posted with no trucks in excess of 26,000 pounds and he had previously asked a citizen on David Street no to drive a truck to his house and park it due to the sign notices and from a request of citizens on David Street. The citizen had obeyed the letter. Larry Logan spoke and advised that the council could not vote to violate a city ordinance that prohibited business in a residential area and violate the weight limit on the road. Mr. Logan also provided some photos of bad places in the road that may not withstand additional strain.

Shawn Thompson provided a petition with signatures in support of a skating park or skateboard area. Mayor Winchester advised that the council would consider this request at a working session.

**j. Council Discussion/Reports**

Councilperson Holland stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee met the previous evening and Park Advisory Board member Debbie Broadbent was asked

to speak for the Board on matters pertaining to this meeting. Comments presented are recorded in the McKenzie Banner with attached copy for record.

Councilperson Hale asked Broadbent if the Park Advisory Board had any idea on the percentage of in-city and outside of city participants in the sports recreational leagues. Broadbent replied that the ratio was according to numbers in the McKenzie School system as those living in the city and outside the city. Hale said he thought those residents outside the city limits should pay an additional fee as the sponsors are not city tax payers.

Councilperson Davis asked Broadbent what was the consensus of the leagues operating the concession stand and using that revenue to pay umpires. She replied that this had been discussed in the past and it was hard to get volunteers to operate the concession stand. But it was something they would like to look at and maybe have a work session to discuss this.

Councilperson Adkins presented the monthly fire report and the training achieved to date and comparison fire reports for the same period of the previous year.

Councilperson Hale advised that he had attended the annual TML conference in Knoxville. Two topics discussed were Senior Property Tax Freeze and funding, small town success strategies and managing street resurfacing cost. These subjects are issues that will be faced by the city in the next few months and years. A copy of the presentation will be provided to Council members by the next council meeting.

**k. Any other business**

None

**l. Adjournment**

With no further business, motion was made by Councilperson Davis, seconded by Councilperson Hale to adjourn. The motion passed.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Walter Winchester, Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Charlie Beal, CMC**  
**City Recorder**